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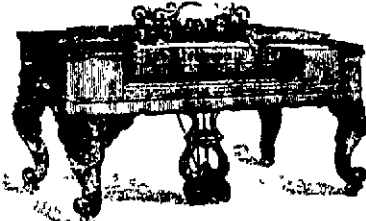
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NOTICE.

ALL persons knowing themselves indebted to Rucker, Hammer & Co., bankrupts, are hereby requested to call at the store of Rucker & McKeown, and pay the same without delay.

R. O. McKEOWN, Assignee.

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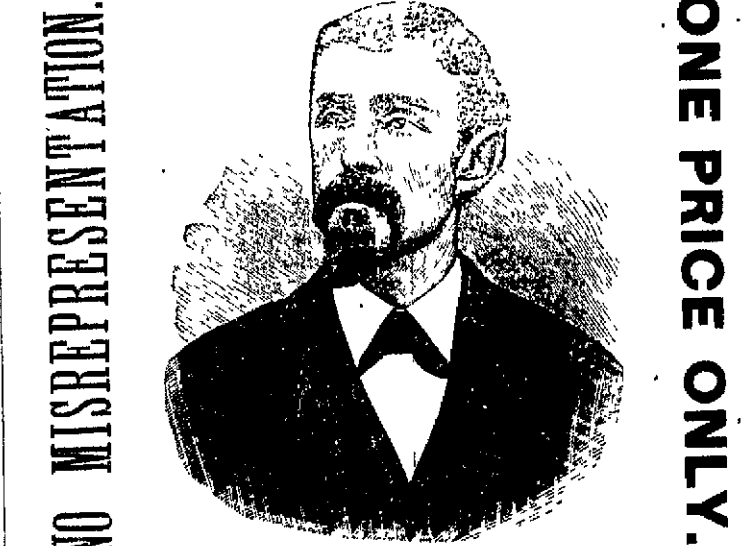
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Jan 8-4w

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Therefore, it is impossible for a

Little Middleman to compete with him.

If one merchant is more enterprising than others, and sells goods of his own manufacture at lower prices than all others, and the people will, look to his store and buy of him, of course the middleman will "squeal," but that cannot be helped. We shall continue to sell as low as ever.

Our prices in Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Gents' Furnishing Goods are lower than ever. One price only.

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IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR AN

Elemental Stock of Spring Goods, the

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AT WHOLESALE PRICES, at their REPAIR

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THEIR

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OR

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Dec. 25, 1877-dm

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F. M. Carver

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rupts; that as such assignee he has taken

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undersigned as such assignee.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at

Decatur, Ill., this 15th day of December, A. D. 1877.

J. S. HARRIS, Assignee.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 15, 1877-dm

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